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On the one hand I'm not surprised by the proposal. Disgusted but not surprised. A man with \$30B in cash can certainly gain the support of senators, representatives, DOJ appointees, and judges.

On the other hand, I suspect there are a few honest civil servants still in the system, who would like to see alternative points of view from impeccably credentialed, true blue Americans.

For example, I'm a upper middle class, middle aged swing voter. I work in a Fortune 100 company, bringing technical and business degrees plus extensive experience with both Microsoft and non-Microsoft products to the effort. There is no question in my mind that the issues are much larger than browsers, that Microsoft has no intention of allowing a level playing field, and that the DOJ's proposal is mockery of justice

Simple put, the issue is not "are the consumers better off". That's like saying "El Duce made the trains run on time". No, the issue is balance of power in a representative democracy. See L. Lessig's analyses for details.

[By the way, I notice the parallels to Thomas at EEOC. He got a Supreme Court appointment out of a series of anti-American policy decisions (leaving plausible deniability for the upper ranks). What was the price this time?]

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